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WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL  
Work Session Agenda  
January 24, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.

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Mission: Dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Walla Walla.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ACTIVE AGENDA
  - A. **60 Mins.** Police Body Camera Grant Discussion Follow Up.
  - B. **60 Mins.** Housing Discussion
    - A. Mobile Home Parks
    - B. Multi-Family Property Tax Incentive
3. OTHER BUSINESS
4. ADJOURNMENT

**Values: Service, Integrity, Collaboration, Equity, Leadership, and Community**

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ar-4519

60 Mins.

**City Council - Work Session**

**Meeting Date:** 01/24/2022

**Item Title:** Body Cam Grant Discussion Follow Up

**Submitted For:** Scott Bieber, Police Department

**Add'l Contributors:**

**Project No:**

**Funding/BARS No.:**

**Financial Comments:**

Further discussion regarding the body-worn camera information presented by the Chief of Police at the January 10, 2022 workshop. There is a full Council agenda item regarding this topic and the DOJ grant on the January 26, 2022 Council Meeting agenda.

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**Information**

**HISTORY:**

Over the past several years, and especially over the past two years, there have been some very high profile, police use of force incidents nationally. This has increased the call for police body worn cameras. On July 2, 2021 the Walla Walla Police Department was notified of a grant opportunity through the US Department Of Justice (DOJ) to help local jurisdictions fund body worn camera (BWC) programs. Since the idea BWC's for the Walla Walla Police Department (WWPD) had been the topic of discussion for several months, especially within the Chief's Advisory Committee, WWPD applied for the grant. The Chief's Advisory Committee all signed a letter of support for the department's grant application.

**POLICY ISSUES:**

The policy question at hand really boils down to a budget issue. Should the Council commit the expenditure of \$155,561 on average for each of the next five years to fund a police body worn camera program?

**PLAN COMPLIANCE:**

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Strategic Initiative 2 - Fix and Improve the City's Infrastructure

Objective 1 - Use technology to provide better service and to improve management of operations

Strategic Initiative 3 - Develop a strategic communications plan

**Objectives**

1. Tell our story
2. Prioritize needs
3. Build relationships - Neighborhood and business engagement, Community Oriented Policing (Council Ward Patrol Officer)

## Strategic Initiative 5 - Mid Term : Achieve organizational and city resiliency

### Objective 1 - Long-term financial planning - for the organization

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Accept the DOJ grant of \$90,000 over three years and commit to fully funding a body worn camera program for the police department. Total general fund cost over five years would be \$777,804. Fully funding the program would allow for the hiring of a full-time PDR clerk. There is insufficient capacity to handle the increase of PDR requests a BWC program would generate.
2. Accept the DOJ grant of \$90,000 over three years and commit to fully funding a body worn camera program for the police department. Only fund the Axon enterprises contract and do not fund an additional PDR clerk position. There is no capacity for additional PDR's and this option risks failure to comply with PDR laws which are accompanied by significant fines.
3. Decline the DOJ grant. Either continue to research the funding options for a BWC program or put the idea to rest. The other option is that we decline this Bureau of Justice Assistance of the Office of Justice Program grant award for a Small, Rural, and Tribal Body-Worn Camera grant. This is a highly competitive grant. Only one in four applications were awarded funding during the recent round of grant applications. Turning down this federal grant award makes it highly probable that we would not be awarded another BWC grant. We are unaware of another source of grant funding for a BWC project (whether private, state, or federal). We recommend prioritizing the funding of this program, so we can move forward with this critical public-safety project.

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#### **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Approved for City Council discussion.

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#### **Attachments**

*No file(s) attached.*

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60 Mins.

**City Council - Work Session**

**Meeting Date:** 01/24/2022

**Item Title:** Multi Family Tax Exemption

**Submitted For:** Elizabeth Chamberlain, Support Services

**Add'l Contributors:**

**Project No:**

**Funding/BARS No.:**

**Financial Comments:**

N/A - Discussion only.

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**Information**

**HISTORY:**

Following up on recent Council discussions, staff will respond to preservation of existing mobile home parks and modifying the multi-family property tax incentive.

**POLICY ISSUES:**

The City objective to increase affordable housing choices.

**PLAN COMPLIANCE:**

STRATEGIC PLAN:

**Strategic Initiative 4 - Long Term : Encourage Economic development to strengthen the community**

Objectives

3. Encourage affordable housing and reduce homelessness

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

- > LU Policy 3.7 Support a variety of housing types such as tiny homes, duplexes, multi-family development, cottage housing, and single family residential.
- > Housing Goal 1 A broad range of housing choices is available to meet the needs of people of diverse socioeconomic status, household type, and age.
- > H Policy 1.1 Provide an array of housing choices such as apartments, small lot single-family housing, accessory dwelling units, townhomes, manufactured homes, and cottages to meet the needs of people of all incomes throughout their lifespan.
- > H Policy 1.4 Develop incentives for construction of housing affordable to households with low and moderate incomes such as density bonuses, waived fees, multi-family property tax exemption, or a transfer of development rights program.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Allow market forces to determine the number and size of manufactured home parks.

Adjust the multi-family property tax incentive to require a greater portion of low-income housing, or eliminate the incentive and allow market forces to determine the level of low-income housing.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Approved for City Council workshop discussion.

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**Attachments**

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